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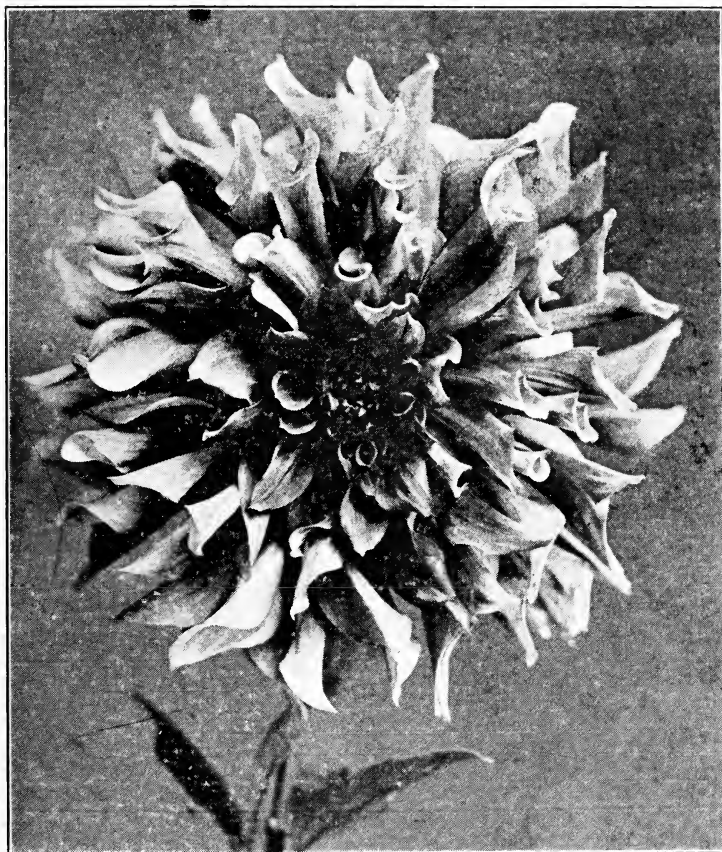
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# Wheeler's Dahlia Garden



*Philip W. Harsh.*

## Webster, Massachusetts



## To My Dahlia Loving Friends

In presenting this, my 3rd annual catalogue, I wish to thank my many friends for their patronage in the past; to others this catalog will act as a formal business introduction. It will be my aim to hold the friendships thus made, and to add new friends who are lovers of that most wonderful of all fall flowers, "THE DAHLIA."

The Dahlias listed in this catalogue have nearly all been grown by me, and have been proven worthy, hence my recommendation.

Terms: Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

Forwarding: We ship tubers at planting time only, unless otherwise requested; and then at purchaser's risk from freezing.

Tubers only are offered, as I sell neither green plants nor seed.

As a member of The Dahlia Society of New England, and the American Dahlia Society, I extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member in either or both societies. The \$2.00 a year membership dues in either society, include subscription to the Bulletin. The American Dahlia Society, publish a bulletin quarterly, and The Dahlia Society of New England, semi-annually. They contain much of interest regarding the culture of the Dahlia, the Dahlia Shows, etc.

I also extend a cordial invitation to visit my garden located at Kildeer Island, Webster, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

CALVIN S. WHEELER.

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This most beautiful lake is situated about 18 miles from Worcester, Massachusetts, and is consided to be one of the finest and most beautiful lakes in New England. The lake is about four miles long and averaging one mile wide. Many summer resorts on the shore of this lake, the largest being Killdeer Island, where there are over one hundred cottages, and a few winter homes, and is one of the beauty spots of New England. This is where our garden is located, and where the Dahlias listed in this catalogue were grown, except a few which were grown in the home garden in Webster. The garden is located near the club house, between what is known as north pond, and middle pond and only three hundred feet from the water on either side, thus receiving the benefits of the moisture from the lake, also the dew and fog, which is a decided advantage to Dahlias, their growth, etc.

I will be pleased to welcome you to our garden at any time, most particularly during the blooming season, when you will find all, or nearly all of the best that is grown, for your inspection and enjoyment.

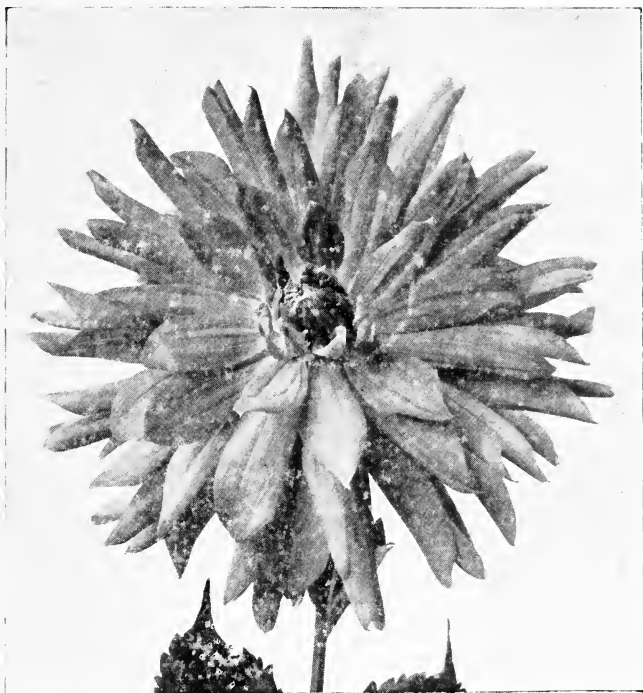
The garden is about three miles from my home in Webster, leading off from the Gore road, a pleasant drive, and a fine bouquet for you at the end of the road.

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**A. Lincoln Semi-Cactus** (Peacock) Color bright spectrum red, reflex rose red. Perfectly formed Hybrid cactus, with long pointed petals. The flowers are held facing on long perfectly straight stiff stems. An early and profuse bloomer. This is the best garden and commercial red, that will replace the popular Kalif. Roots \$5.00.

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## 1931 INTRODUCTIONS

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**Andrea Erickson** (Fisher & Masson) Inf. Dec. This new white, is one of the best of the 1931 introductions, and one that we are glad to recommend. Under normal conditions, it will make a ten inch flower. The stems are very graceful and the big white blooms are held well above the sturdy plants. Roots \$10.00.

**Dwight M. Morrow** (Dahliadel) I personally saw this very fine Inf. Dec., in the originators garden, and I am satisfied that it is one of the finest on the new list. It is a rich crimson red of royal appearance with plenty of life, and the flower has great depth and good form. It shows no tendency to fade and in view of its rich royal color, that quality is to be commended. Roots \$15.00.

**Harriet Hootor** (Alling) Inf. Dec. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal as Best Undisseminated Seedling at Hartford at the Connecticut Horticultural Society's Show; also outstanding at New York, where it was named for the popular actress. The color is a bright shade halfway between purple and red, with plenty of life, and is very attractive whether under artificial light, or in the garden. Roots \$10.00.

**Karl Bonawitz** (Dahliadel) This very fine Semi-Cactus, is another from the garden of Mr. Maytrott, and has stood up about as well in the showroom as any shown this year. The color is velvety carmine; the blooms are on extra long stems. This we understand, is the only dahlia to have a special song composed and dedicated to it. It all happened at Atlantic City where the famous organist of that name was performing on the world's largest organ during the flower show. Roots \$15.00.

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**Adda Patterson** (Kemp) H. C. One of the best, if not the best white Hybrid Cactus Dahlia to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of 7 feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut two or three feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all around white Dahlia that will win in the keenest competition. Scored 87. Roots \$2.00.

**American Triumph** (Nuneviller) Winner of the American Home Sweepstakes at New York, 1929. Undoubtedly the finest true Cactus Dahlia to date. An unusual coloring, and brightest shade of pure oriental red. The large flowers are deep and with good substance and are held erect above a strong, medium tall bush. It is not only a most worthy addition to the Cactus class, but an exceptionally good garden and cut flower as there is no better keeping Dahlia in existence. Roots \$10.00.

**Andreas Hofer** (H. C.) One of the most beautiful of the new Dahlias and always attracts instant attention. It won at Boston for the best basket in the show. Color is a glowing light pink, with a salmon-rose suffusion. The blossoms are held erect on long stiff stems. Roots \$2.00.

**Anna Marie Frey** (Dec.) A very bright red, with all the good qualities of dahlia Judge Marean. A very fine variety. Much admired in our garden last season, and at the shows. Roots \$2.00.

**Barbara Redfern** An enormous decorative of great depth. A wonderful combination of old rose and gold. The mammoth flowers are produced early and continuously, on extra long stems, which hold the flowers upright the entire season. The plant is a healthy and vigorous grower. Roots \$2.00.

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- Barbara Wear** (Seal) A beautiful lavender pink decorative on a wonderful stem and a strong grower, of the best habits. Won the Garden & Home Builders Achievement medal, for the best new Dahlia originated west of the Rocky Mountains. Nuf sed. Roots \$2.00.
- Betty Ivans** (F. & M.) A remarkable flower of huge proportions. Petals thickly placed to form a very full flower. Color a rich sa'mon overlaid with an amber glow, showing a rosy pink reverse. Plants grow medium tall with thick green foliage, stems stiff and long. Roots \$2.00.
- Brockton Beauty** (Carver) A very larger flower which commands attention when seen growing in the garden. A very good bloomer, flowers of great depth and size, remaining large to the end of the season. Color is a pinkish lavender shading to creamy white center, with reverse of petals a pinkish lavender. A good keeper and has a fine stiff stem, and is one we can recommend. Roots \$5.00.
- Clansman** (Diggle) The color is a beautiful apricot orange, center darkening to jasper pink, radiant golden sheen. A beautiful flower that attracts attention wherever seen. It is a good grower, free bloomer, has fine stems and is a very good flower for cutting. Roots \$2.50.
- Cora Butterworth** (Chapman) D. A giant bloom with a long excellent stem, out and up, never the least pendant in the hottest weather and the foliage is that dark green pest resisting. The plants grow five and a half feet high, free blooming, the average size of bloom is nine to eleven inches in diameter and four to five inches in depth. Color is a rich glistening Primrose Yellow without a trace of any other color from base to tip of petals. Cora Butterworth was considered the outstanding new decorative in the New York show which was the largest show the A. D. S. has ever held. Roots \$7.50.

- Col. Charles A. Lindbergh** A huge hybrid cactus of a beautiful rose "du Barry" shade, overlaid and suffused with old ivory, shading off to pale gold at center. Reverse of petals light carmine pink. An early and free bloomer. Stems rigid and straight, dark green foliage and good habit of growth. A superb flower that will rank high amongst prize winning Dahlias. Roots \$2.00.
- Derrill W. Hart** (Decorative) Capucine yellow shading to grenadine red in cool weather almost copper color, the large well-formed flowers of this variety are held erect on fine stems. A very free bloomer, and one of the best in the garden. Roots 05.00.
- Dorothy Stone** (F. & M., N049) A huge decorative of a true deep pink brighter and richer than "Kathleen Norris" and the substance is heavier. This is a distinct and splendid exhibition companion to Kathleen Norris. Very full center, petals thick and evenly placed, profuse bloomer, deep green leathery foliage, medium to tall habit of growth, stem upright and strong, flowers held well above the foliage. In fact it is everything a good dahlia should be for exhibition. Roots \$7.00.
- Eagle Rock Beauty** (H. C.) This I believe was the outstanding new California Dahlia for 1926. A beautiful combination of pink and cream that is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine; it is in a class by itself. Grows medium height. Roots \$2.50.
- Edna Ferber** (F. & M.) An exhibition H. C. dahlia with an exceptionally fine stiff stem. The color is a glistening coral, shading to old gold at base of petals. One of the first to attract attention wherever shown. Petals curled and twisted, making a very full flower. Always a prize winner. Roots \$3.00.
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**Eliza London Shepard** (Peacock) I. Dec. The color is a rich orange-gold; reflex, a deeper shade of the same color. It is the ideal form of decorative, and is carried facing to upright on long straight rigidly stiff stems. The flowers are always perfect. The blooms keep a long time on the plant, and when cut. Roots \$10.00.

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- Ellinor Vanderveer** Jessie L. Seal's wonderful new pink seedling. This was one of the best Dahlias I grew in my garden the past season. A magnificent rose pink decorative, held erect on long stiff stems. This Dahlia will be very popular for some time. Roots \$1.00.
- Farncot** (Fraser) One of the best keeping and most satisfactory Cactus Dahlias it has been my pleasure to grow. Color is aster purple tipped white. The flowers have perfect form, and are carried on top of good stiff stems. Very free bloomer, and should be included in every collection. Roots \$1.00.
- Fort Monmouth** (Kemp) One of the giants of the Dahlia world. Violet at tips of petals. The flowers are well formed of true H. C. type, of immense size, frequently attaining to full 13 inches in diameter, and are borne on long stiff stems high above the foliage. Does not burn and is a splendid keeper, both on the plant, and when cut. Very free bloomer, five or six immense blooms on a plant at a time. Plants are strong, 7 to 8 ft. high. Roots \$5.00.
- Fort Washington** "New". Color is a dark mahogany red, blossoms are immense in size. A very tall grower; a very fine Dahlia. Roots \$2.50.
- Graf Zeppelin** (J. A. Nolet) A wonderful grower, free from disease. Does not require any pruning. Grows to 8 feet tall with five or six laterals, with 36 in. very stiff stems; flowers 7 to 8 in. without forcing. The best pure white true Decorative Dahlia yet in existence; never shows a center. It is an extraordinary good Dahlia and well deserves its name. Stock limited. Roots \$10.00.
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- Grace.** We offer this new exhibition decorative Dahlia, which was originated by J. W. Bibb & Son, and grown in Storrs, this last season, where it was seen and admired by the members of the A. D. S. at the Annual Field Day in Sept. 1928. This Dahlia is considered one of the best *all purpose* Dahlias yet produced.  
1500 Blooms in the home garden, showing it to be a very free blommer. First prize three years in succession, in every show entered. Color: Body of flower, pure waxy white, with delicate tinge of Orchid Pink deepening to center. Roots \$3.50.
- Grace Curling** A decorative of great size, beautiful in form and color. Pure white at base, then changing to lilac pink and rose, growth of plants and stems all that could be desired. Roots \$7.50.
- Griffin** Color Pinard yellow, with pale viridine yellow reverse, tinted lavender pink. Plant is a strong grower and has never been troubled with Leaf Hoppers or Thrips. Flowers are large and are borne with profusion from mid-summer until frost. Roots \$1.00.
- Jane Cowl** (Downs) A massive deep decorative, with petals curled and twisted, color a glistening bronzy buff and gold blending to a deeper shade toward centre of flower; reverse of petals a pale flesh color, giving the flower as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth; foliage thick and leathery; insect resisting. Roots \$2.50.
- Jean Hare** (F. & M.) A distinctive Exhibition Hybrid Cactus unusually odd in its formation and possessing distinctive charm. In the earlier stages of bloom the color is a beautiful golden yellow; as the flower matures this color is superseded by a georgious apricot buff, while the outer row of petals show a golden bronze coloring. A free bloomer, medium to tall habit of growth, perfectly rigid, upright stems and fine dark green foliage. Roots \$3.50.
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- Jerseys Beauty** W. H. Waite's wonderful 1923 introduction, and is still the queen of all Dahlias, a perfect true pink, carried high above the foliage on very long stiff stems. Roots \$1.00.
- Jerseys Beacon** Another of Mr. Waite's very fine new seedlings, a decided novelty of Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two toned effect. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth and a free bloomer. Roots \$1.00.
- Jerseys Empress** Anthracene violet in color; the flowers, which are large, have a very pleasing formation, having narrow and wavy petals. The flowers have great depth. Roots \$1.00.
- Jersey's Ideal** The color of this variety is best described as a lavender pink; the flowers are usually borne face up on the stem and the long petals drooping gracefully down, make a very deep and massive flower. It is a vigorous grower, and very free bloomer, and an ideal stem. The plants grow medium high. Roots \$1.00.
- Jersey's Masterpiece** (Waite) Large exhibition flower of soft Strawberry pink, suffused gold at base of florets. Almost the same formation as "Insulinde," but the color is more beautiful. Good stem and the foliage is thick in texture. Roots \$2.50.
- Kathleen Norris** (F. & M.) D. This great dahlia was the one outstanding in all of the big shows around New York in 1928, and was awarded the highest honors wherever shown. The bloom is very large, and is without doubt the greatest pink decorative dahlia on the market today. The color is a rose-pink, deepening to mallow pink but somewhat paler in the young central petals. Foliage dark green and leathery, defying injury from leaf hoppers. A good bloomer, good keeper, and one of the best in the garden. Roots \$10.00.
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**President Hoover** (Peacock) I. D. This fine new dahlia, is a cross of Jersey's Beauty and Papillon. The color is peach red, blending to begonia rose; very bright and luminous. Reflex, begonia rose, veined and suffused lavender. The flowers have the beautiful formation and size of papillion and the depth and full high center of Jersey's Beauty. The plant is of the Jersey's Beauty type and habit of growth, but is much stronger and sturdier. It is an extremely early bloomer, strong and vigorous. Its dark green healthy foliage is resistant to disease and insects. Roots \$7.50.

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**Kemp's Violet  
Wonder**

(D.) Best Violet colored Dahlia to date. The predominating color is a rich Napthaline Violet, Lightening to bluish violet at tips of petals, with lavender reverse. Flower is as nearly perfect form as possible, is a true decorative, does not burn, and is a remarkably good keeper, both on the plant and when cut. An early and free bloomer. Roots \$4.00.

**Kentucky**

(Kemp-Wigginton) Here we have our old Jersey's Beauty, with a new color, in the variety Kentucky. A sport of Jersey's Beauty, in a wonderful new shade of color, unlike any other variety we have seen. A brilliant light salmon-orange, shading to orange yellow at base of petals and deepening to grenadine pink on outer petals. This great Dahlia has been tested for five years, and its color has never varied a single time. The originator rated the parent of this new dahlia the best in cultivation, but says we have a better one in the variety Kentucky. Roots \$5.00.

**Katherine Kelly  
I. D.**

(Peacock) This beautiful dahlia, is one of the finest of the latter introductions, a fine rich glistening brownish red shaded maroon. The reflex is lighter, and sets off the flower most effectively. The forming is entirely distinct and charming. This flower is most unique in that it is so different from what it appears. Instead of being flimsy, the petals are very thick, heavy and of such great substance that it not only keeps well, but stands up well under long shipment. Roots \$5.00.

**Margaret  
Woodrow  
Wilson**

(F. & M.) A large decorative Dahlia having broad petals well placed, terminating in points making a very thick flower. Color is opalescent pink (meaning the reverse of petals are so colored as to reflect a pink tone to the whole flower). Flowers held well out on dark green foliage on perfect stems. This is a most satisfactory Dahlia, as the bushes are constantly covered with large blooms. Roots \$1.00.

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- Marmion** (Marstick) D. Color pure golden yellow, with bronze suffusion on reverse of petals and a deeper bronzy tone on the high full center and outline of same hue around each petal enhances its beauty and gives it an unusual but beautiful appearance. Roots \$2.00.
- Mardi Gras** (Diggle) This beautiful deep burgundy decorative won the Garden and Home Builder Achievement Medal at the Hartford show of the Connecticut Horticultural Society. It is a bright color that does not burn or fade in the hottest sun. Large, well-formed flowers on extra long stems. Free flowering. Roots \$5.00.
- Mildred Brooks Hoover** (Broomall) Originator describes this as one of his best in the garden. Color spinel-red; very unusual in dahlias; very large. Roots \$5.00.
- Mrs. Alfred B. Seal** (Seal) This truly great dahlia, one of the best from the Pacific Coast, is a huge glowing old rose in color a decorative which one should be proud to have in the garden. Blooms are held high above dark green foliage, free bloomer and stem excellent. The color is so unusual, that it should prove a very popular variety. Roots \$10.00.
- Mrs. Shirley Shaw** Dec. Oxblood red shaded maroon, this magnificent flower sometimes has a tendency to come with crooked stem, but notwithstanding this fact was more universally admired than any dahlia in my garden this last season. The wonderful dark rich color and immense size captures everyone. Roots \$2.00.
- My Maryland** (Downs) This exhibition Hybrid Cactus, is of a decidedly unique coloring a blending of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender, the pointed petals whorl and twist in such a manner as to blend the two colors. There are pinks, and there lavenders but this flower is in a color class of its own. Excellent stems and lathery foliage. Awarded the Maryland Dahlia Society Gold Medal in Atlantic City, hence its name. Roots \$5.00.

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- Nanaquaket** (Richards) D. An immense bloom of extraordinary beauty. The color is a most beautiful shade of pink, each petal, bordered with a hair line of deeper orchid color. Petals broad and long, with fine placement and the flower can be easily grown to 10 to 12 inches in diameter. Good stems, a healthy grower and profuse bloomer. Height 5 feet. Tubers \$5.00.
- Pride of Stratford** This is a most pleasing shade, cadmium orange shading to a light orange yellow at the base of petals, reverse rose doree, very large flowers of splendid form, held erect on fine stiff stems. This is one of our very best dahlias. Roots \$1.00.
- Pop Stewart** (F. & M.) This is a remarkable flower of great exquisite shade of the purest lilac pink. A fine grower with a splendid stem. Roots \$1.00.
- Richlieu** a complete transformation, toning out into a most size, in the young state the flowers appear to be a rosy pink, but as it matures the flower undergoes this richly colored broadpetaled dahlia, has a distinction and rare qualities all its own which one can not help liking. Richlieu, is a decorative dahlia of the deep velvety red of the old Jack rose. Sturdy bushes with strong straight stems. An ideal cut flower, as it keeps well after cutting. Roots \$2.50.
- Sanhicans Bluebird** (F. & M.) The color of this Dahlia is a most uncommon shade, the outer petals at maturity are bright violet-blue, while the center retains the violet tint the nearest approach to a blue Dahlia. Strong wiry stems. Tubers \$2.50.
- Sanhicans Delice** (F. & M. In this grand novelty, we have a beautiful staghorn petalled flower of great depth, and of a true pink with an almost imperceptible salmon glow in the center. Free bloomer; stem like a cane and an excellent keeper when cut. Roots \$2.50.
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**Robert E. Lee** (Peacock) Color, bright luminous cardinal red; reflex lighter. It is not only a bright glowing red, but it does not burn or fade. The flowers are carried from facing to upright. They are always full to the center. Roots \$10.00.

**Philip W. Harsh** This new and most beautiful Hybrid Cactus, is another Dandy from the garden of J. W. Bibb & Son, and is one of the really good ones. It is a large flower, with a deep center, a very *dark red changing to almost brown*. The nearest to a brown Dahlia yet produced. Beautiful dark thick foliage, of low growing habit, stiff cane like stems, that hold the flower erect. A prolific bloomer, flowers large and very attractive. Tubers \$5.00.

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**Sanhicans  
Magnate**

(F. & M.) As the name indicates, this is one of the big fellows of the Dahlia Kingdom, exhibition decorative of pale amaranth face tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on very stiff stems, profuse bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Roots \$2.00.

**Shoe City**

(Carver) A very large deep, full centered decorative dahlia. A pure golden bronze color all through, with large quilled petals. Has never shown an open center at any time of the season. Produces an abundance of large exhibition flowers and is just as good for a cut flower. The blooms are carried on a wonderful stiff cane-like stem above the foliage, and is a fine keeper. Roots \$5.00.

**Sheila Ward**

(English Decorative) One of the most artistic and wonderfully beautiful flowers it has ever been our pleasure to grow; the color being a light primrose yellow heavily tipped white. The form is perfect, the flower very large. Petals gracefully arranged, and the stem is excellent. Roots \$3.00.

**Spottswood  
Beauty**

(D) This is one of the most beautiful colored Dahlias in the list of 1928 introductions. Color is a clear Chatenay Pink, shading to lemon yellow at base of petals. Flowers are 7 to 8 inches in diameter, and of great depth and are borne on long cane-like stems high above the foliage. Roots \$2.50.

**Supreme Glory**

(Almy) A seedling of Elite Glory, a beautiful golden yellow with reverse of petals flushed red. The habit of the plant is fine, and it produces flowers abundantly all through the season which hold their size well. The petals are long and wide, and blossom has depth as well as size. The stems which are long and stiff hold the immense blossoms far above the foliage which the insects do not seem to bother. Height of plant 5 feet. Root \$10.00.

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**Star of Bethlehem** (White Semi-Cactus) This is a really wonderful type of Semi-Cactus, the best, or one of the best, ever offered to the public. It is a very free bloomer, therefore needs quite a little disbudding and pruning. Height about 5 feet with large flowers of pure white fine pointed petals with a large tight center resembling a real star. It's a Real Star; Stock limited. Root \$10.00.

**The Lemonade** (Ward) This is one of our finest New England originations, and possessing every good quality. Immense size color a clear lemon yellow of fine formation. Stems are long and stiff and hold the blooms erect. Roots \$2.00.

**The World** (Dahliadel) This wonderful decorative dahlia was selected at the A. D. S. show in New York, by Mr. J. D. Sullivan of the New York World. The coloring is unusual—rich deep rosy magenta overlaid garnet with silver shadings on edges of petals. A rich and beautiful combination of colors. Perfect centers 8 to 10 inches across and half as deep. Bush 5 feet, stems strong and erect. Foliage leathery and repellant to insect injury. Roots \$5.00.

**The Spirit of St. Louis** (Carver) D. In this we have a dahlia every one has been waiting for. It is the nearest to a true American Beauty Rose color as we have seen. A superb flower of wonderful beauty, and one we are pleased to recommend. Roots \$5.00.

**Thomas A. Edison** (Dahliadel) This Gorgeous new royal purple exhibition decorative, selected and named by permission of the famous electrical wizard. The stag-horn petal formation, the dark green insect-resistant foliage, the cane stiff stems, and its thrifty growing habit, leave nothing to be desired.

Roots \$10.00

**Waldheim Sunshine** (Peacock) D. This is one of the truly remarkable dahlias; true deep yellow, that will show up yellow, under artificial light. The reflex is darker, and there is a rich golden suffusion around the beautiful, full high center. Roots \$5.00.

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**Watchung Chief** (Smith) A large fine decorative, one of the best of the 1930 introductions and one we are glad to recommend. The color is Burnt Orange, with a good stem, and a really wonderful cut flower. Roots \$10.00.

**Watchung Wonder** This spectacular decorative created a sensation at the dahlia show in New York, 1928. Color is a royal red with a touch of gold at center of flower, and now and then a tiny petaloid of gold to enhance its beauty. The size of bloom is enormous and also very deep and full to the center. Stems are heavy and stiff. Hight 6 feet. Roots \$7.50.

**Yellow Princess** (Fraser) Dec. A sensation wherever shown. Without doubt the largest and best yellow decorative Dahlia. Flowers 10 to 12 inches on stiff stems. Won the American Dahlia Society Gold Medal Ribbon, 1927, for the best undiseminated Decorative Seedling that had been certificated at Storrs Trial Gardens. First prize for largest bloom in show at Providence, R. I., 1927. American Dahlia Society Certificate of Merit, 1926. The Dahlia everyone has been waiting for. Roots 3.00.

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We are listing for the first time, a fine collection of Ponpons, which are coming into their own as a cut flower, and as they are very free blooming, they have a telling effect in the garden, each plant resembling a huge bouquet of most brilliant flowers.

<b>Aimee</b>	A wee flower of bronze; free flowering on long stems .....	\$ .50
<b>Bell of Springfield</b>	Red; very small .....	.50
<b>Bobby</b>	Deep plumb color. Extra fine and free blooming .....	.50
<b>Joe Fette</b>	Extra fine white .....	.50
<b>Sunset</b>	Beautiful orange colored pompon and very popular for cutting and exhibition. The coloring is particularly charming. ....	.50
<b>Yellow Gem</b>	Creamy yellow, small and fine form .....	.50

This fine collection of six varieties all standard colors.

Following is our standard Collection, all good and of fine stock.

<b>Atom</b>	One of the best early and profuse bloomers of perfect form. Color fiery red .....	.50
<b>Barbara Purvis</b>	A fine pure white .....	.50
<b>Candy Kid</b>	One of the best coral pink shading to lavender, small and perfect in form .....	.50
<b>Catherine</b>	Bright yellow .....	.50
<b>Douglas Tucker</b>	Golden yellow with crimson center .....	.50
<b>Deedee</b>	"New"—Very dainty and small; shade of pure lavender .....	.50
<b>Eileen</b>	A most lovely flower, white tipped with lilac .....	.75
<b>Goldie</b>	Color pure gold, a tiny flower of perfect form .....	.50
<b>Jennie</b>	Tiniest of all and none more perfect in form. A deep dark red. A favorite with men for buttonhole bouquets .....	.50
<b>Little Jennie</b>	Primrose yellow; very finely quilled .....	.50
<b>Nelly Fraser</b>	The very best pink; stock scarce .....	.50
<b>Regulus</b>	Excellent cerise purple of small size .....	.50
<b>Tiny Tim</b>	Soft peach pink; very small. One of the best .....	.50

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*DARWIN TULIPS*

I have listed some very fine varieties of "Darwins", which are grown in my own garden, of good stock, and some of the best on the market.

<b>Baronne de la Tonnaye</b>	Rose pink margined blush.
<b>Bartigon</b>	Fiery red.
<b>Centenaire</b>	Rich violet rose with large blue center; enormous flowers of perfect shape, excellent for border and recommended for early forcing.
<b>Clara Butt</b>	Delicate salmon pink; extra fine forcer.
<b>Mr. Farncombe</b>	
<b>Sanders</b>	Bright scarlet.
<b>Pride of Haarlem</b>	Rosy carmen.

*COTTAGE TULIPS*

<b>Inglescombe</b>	
<b>Yellow</b>	Bright yellow.
<b>Mrs. Moon</b>	Large yellow.



Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, or treatment, to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny location, but succeed in partial shade. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 16 inches deep, possibly in the fall and then in the spring, before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well-rotted stable manure, or artificial fertilizer, but do not over-do this.

Dig the holes 3 feet apart and about 6 inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole, and lay the root down flat with the eye to the stake, and cover with two or three inches of fine soil, leaving the hole to be filled after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between May 1st and June 15th.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, cut out the top, to make them branch.

The most important thing now, is hoeing and cultivating the soil, until the buds appear; and then, if very dry, water once a week, and in that case, water thoroughly and cultivate lightly.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud; that means, to cut off all the side shoots on each stem above the first or second set of leaves, but being sure to leave the sprouts near the base of each stem, so as to insure a new crop of blooms. Roots should be stored in a dry cellar or basement, cover them with dry sand or soil to keep them from shriveling. Divide the roots in the spring after the eyes show plainly, being careful that tuber has an eye, cover them again and keep dry until planting time. Do not disbud Pompon's.

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